GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Menace of Stray Dogs
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the menace caused by stray dogs and safety of citizens from attacks by stray dogs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has framed any rules on dealing with "Human Rights Versus Animal Rights" issue in a situation where human lives are at risk due to attack by animals and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to put an end to the stray dog menace in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): Government is aware of the menace caused by stray dogs and safety of citizens from attacks by stray dogs in the country. The increasing population of stray dogs is due to ineffective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 by the local bodies in the country.
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(b): No such guidelines/rules have been issued by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) so far.

(c): The Government has enacted the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 and as amended in 2010 has mandated the local bodies to carry out the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Program to control the street/stray dog population and prevention of rabies. The Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 provides for sterilization and vaccination of stray dogs to control the stray dog population and to prevent rabies, and reduce man-dog conflict.

Stability in dog population is achieved when 70% of their population is sterilized. Rabies could be wiped out & man-dog conflict controlled if the ABC Rules are followed in letter and spirit. The cities of Chennai, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kalimpong, Ooty and entire State of Sikkim have achieved very good results by intensively sterilizing and vaccinating the street dogs as per the ABC / AR program.
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The Animal Welfare Board of India is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Birth Control and Immunization of stray dogs by providing grants-in-aid to the Animal Welfare Organizations registered with the Board and Local Bodies which are implementing the ABC program and applying to the Board.

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